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UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.103

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for the suspension of action in this application. At the present time, no outstanding action exists in this application. The suspension of action is requested for the reasonable time period of three months, and a check is enclosed for the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i).

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. **Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)**
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. **Applicant Claims Small Entity Status. (37 CFR 1.27)**
3. **Specification (Total Pages 62)**
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. **Drawings(s) (35 USC 113) (Total Sheets 21)**
5. **Oath or Declaration (Total Pages 5)**
 - a. Newly Executed (Original or Copy)
 - b. Copy from a Prior Application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for Continuation/Divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETIONS OF INVENTOR(S)** Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
 - c. Unsigned.
6. **Application Data Sheet. (37 CFR 1.76)**
7. **CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)**
8. **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)**
 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. paper
 - c. Statement verifying identity of above copies

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents(s))

10. a. Separate 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (where there is an assignee)
 b. Power of Attorney

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. a. **Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449**
 b. Copies of IDS Citations

13. **Preliminary Amendment**

14. **Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)**

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17A. Claim for Foreign Priority

17B. Other: Petition for Suspension of Action (1 pg)

17C. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

18. If a **CONTINUING APPLICATION**, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title (e.g., by way of preliminary amendment), or in an Application Data Sheet Under 37 C.F.R. 1.76:

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Applicant(s): Also include a Preliminary Amendment to amend the specification to claim priority.

For **CONTINUATION AND DIVISIONAL APPS** only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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